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SUBJ: US-USSR DISCUSSION OF UNGA ISSUES: PUERTO RICO

1. AT CONCLUDING SESSION SEPT 17 OF ANNUAL US/USSR BILATERALS ON UNGA ISSUES, AMB SCALI EXPRESSED DISMAY AT FACT USSR HAD GIVEN A BALNKET ENDORSEMENT OF CUBAN POSITION ON PUERTO RICO AT RECENT MEETING OF COMITE 24. HE STRESSED THAT US CONSIDERS THIS MOST STRONGLY A DOMESTIC ISSUE; SOV SUPPORT FOR CUBAN POSITION WILL IRRITATE MANY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND CAN ONLY COMPLICATE OUR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE US-SOV RELATIONS. Y REMINDED AMB MALIK THAT CUBA HAD INDULGED IN CIVIOUS FALSEHOODS SUCH AS ACCUSATION THAT US IS COMMITTING GENOCIDE AGAINST PUERTO RICAN POPULATIONS AND IS STERILIZING PUERTO RICAN WOMEN.

2. MALIK REPLIED THAT USSR TOOK ITS USUAL POSITION OF PRINCIPLE IN THE PUERTO RICAN CASE, I.E., IT SUPPORTED STRIVING BY PEOPLES FOR INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION. HE NOTED THAT THE SOV LANGUAGE IN COMITE 24 DID NOT COINCIDE WITH THE CUBAN LANGUAGE. MALIK ADDED THAT US CONGRESSMEN
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SENSITIVE TO PUERTO RICO SHOULD SHOW MORE SENSTIIVITY ABOUT

INTERFERING IN SOV INTERNAL AFFAIRS, E.G. THE "CONCOCTED" PROBLEM OF SOV JEWRY, BALTIC REPUBLICS, AND UNFRIENDLY PROPAGANDA BY VOA WHICH CONGRESS APPROPRIATES MILLIONS FOR ANNUALLY. WEIGHING THE BALANCE, MALIK OBSERVED THAT US MIXES MORE IN SOV INTERNAL AFFAIRS THAN SOVS IN OURS.

3. SCALI REPLIED THAT CONGRESS AND PRESS ARE FACTS OF LIFE AND MAY OR MAY NOT AGREE WITH POSITION OF ADMINISTRATION. WE MUST BOTH TRY TO AVOID STIRRING UP ISSUES WHICH MIGHT DIVERT US FROM PATH TOWARDS IMPROVED RELATIONS.
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